

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending and stand rejected. The Specification is amended to update the referenced copending patent applications. Claim 36 is amended by way of this amendment to correct an obvious typographical error. All pending claims, as amended, are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12-15, 17, 19-25, 27, 29, 32-35, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(3) as being anticipated by Taylor.

However, Taylor was filed on Sept. 10, 2003 while the subject patent application was filed earlier, on June 30, 2003. While Taylor claims priority to a provisional application filed on Sept. 10, 2002, it is believed that 35 U.S.C. §102(3) refers to the filing date of the published patent application, which in this case is Sept. 10, 2003. As such, it is believed that Taylor is not prior art for the subject patent application.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 19, and 21 as well as claims dependent therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge

the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to
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